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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

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- ☒ 9 pages of Specification/Claims 1-5/Abstract are attached.
- ☒ Formal drawings (Fig(s). 1-4B; 3 sheets are attached.
- ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to Pioneer Corporation and Tohoku Pioneer Corporation is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and 2 references.
- ☒ Priority of foreign application No. 2003-051543 filed February 27, 2003 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

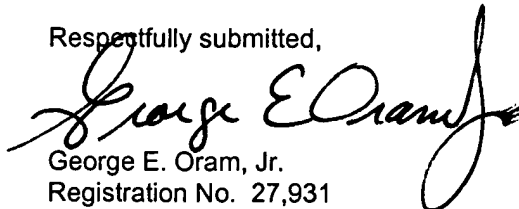
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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$810.00 (\$770 for the filing fee and \$40 for the Assignment Recordation Fee) is attached. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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